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Congress Returns to Weighty List of Unfinished Business

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress returns on Tuesday with a critical need for a characteristic rarely evident through a contentious spring and summer — cooperation between Republicans and President Barack Obama.

Lawmakers face a weighty list of unfinished business and looming deadlines, including a stopgap spending bill to keep the government open beyond Sept. 30. The most intractable issues — a solution to a yearlong battle over agency budgets and a deal on a long-sought highway bill — have been kicked to the fall.

"It's going to take a sense of give and take on both sides," said Republican Rep. Tom Cole.

Republican leaders are playing down talk of a government shutdown that's being driven by conservatives determined to use the spending legislation to strip funds from Planned Parenthood. The organization is under intense scrutiny after secretly recorded videos raised uncomfortable questions about its practices in procuring research tissue from aborted fetuses. Cole said passing a short-term spending bill will not be "a contention-free exercise."

The first days for Congress will be marked by a fierce

debate over the nuclear deal with Iran that Republicans insist makes too many concessions to Tehran. Democrats have rallied behind the president and have already demonstrated they have the votes to sustain a promised Obama veto of a resolution challenging the hard-won agreement.

Also on the crowded autumn agenda are efforts to increase the government's borrowing authority and avoid a first-ever federal default; extend some 50 tax breaks; pass a defense policy bill that Obama has threatened to veto; and renew the Federal Aviation Administration's authority to spend money.

A historic address to Congress by Pope Francis on Sept. 24 promises a respite from the partisanship that has gripped the Capitol for most of the year.

Some ultraconservative tea party lawmakers say they will only back legislation to keep the government open in the new budget year, which begins Oct. 1, if the measure also terminates Planned Parenthood's federal money — even if their battle with Obama over the issue should spiral into a government shutdown.

"I'm for doing everything" to halt funds for Planned Parenthood, said Republican Rep. Jim Jordan. "There is no way they can get taxpayer support."

Conservative groups such



Rep. Tom Cole, R-Okla., speaks during a town hall meeting in Moore, Okla. Congress returns on Sept. 8 with a critical need for cooperation between Republicans and President Barack Obama. "It's going to take a sense of give and take on both sides," said Cole. "The big deal will be, 'Can you come to a deal on transportation, debt ceiling and avoiding sequester?' So a large budget deal will determine, I think, whether or not we've really been successful."

(AP Photo/Sue Ogrocki)

as Heritage Action are backing the strategy, though establishment anti-abortion organizations aren't throwing their influence behind it.

Douglas Johnson, legislative director for the powerful National Right to Life Committee, said recently that while blocking Planned Parenthood's funds "makes sense," the Senate lacks the votes to do so and abortions would continue anyway. He said lawmakers should also focus on bills halting abortions.

"We just don't have the votes to get the outcome that we'd like," Senate

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told a Kentucky television station last week. He called ending Planned Parenthood's funding "another issue that awaits a new president."

Past efforts to use must-pass funding bills to block Obama's health care law and his executive actions on immigration have failed badly, with the health law dispute resulting in a partial government shutdown in 2013.

As a result, House Republican leaders are considering separate legislation this month cutting Planned Parenthood's funds and the

health overhaul, according to a Republican aide and a lobbyist. They hope such a bill, which would advance free of a threat by Senate Democrats to use procedural rules to block a final vote, would satisfy Planned Parenthood's opponents and free up the temporary government funding bill. Obama would be certain to veto such a bill, but it would allow Republicans to vote for those changes and underscore the need for a Republican president to institute them.

Facing demands for negotiations to lift domestic agency budgets hit by the return of automatic spending cuts, McConnell has signaled that he is open to talks on a deal that would pair increases for domestic programs with budget relief for the Pentagon. The painful automatic budget cuts are the result of the law Obama signed in a 2011 deal commonly known as the "sequester."

To get to an agreement, however, Republicans must strike a deal with Obama and his Democratic allies over companion spending cuts elsewhere in the budget to defray the cost of new spending for the Pentagon and domestic programs. There's a limited pool of such offsets, at least those with an acceptable level of political pain, and considerable competition over what to spend them on. □

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Powell, Wasserman Schultz support Iran nuclear deal



DNC Chairwoman, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., left, looks on as Vice President Joe Biden discusses the Iran nuclear deal in Davie, Fla. Wasserman Schultz and former Secretary of State Colin Powell announced their support for the Iran deal Sunday.

(AP Photo/Joel Auerbach)

MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Already a done deal in Congress, the Iran nuclear agreement gained more momentum Sunday as former Secretary of State Colin Powell and Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, the head of the Democratic National Committee, announced their support. Powell, secretary of state under President George W. Bush, called the agreement “a pretty good deal” that would reduce the threat of Iran gaining a nuclear weapon.

Iran’s nuclear program “has been thrown into a detour” making it less likely it can produce a nuclear weapon to be used against Israel or other countries, Powell said. “So that’s pretty good,” he told NBC’s “Meet the Press.”

Wasserman Schultz said the decision to endorse the agreement was the most difficult one she has made in nearly 23 years in elected office.

The Jewish lawmaker wrote in The Miami Herald that while she has concerns about the agreement, the deal “provides the best chance to ensure” security for the U.S., Israel and other allies.

“Under the agreement Iran will not be able to produce a nuclear bomb for at least 10-15 years,” she said, while the U.S. and its allies “will be able to more closely concentrate on stopping Iran’s terrorist activity.”

Wasserman Schultz choked back tears as she described her decision to

back the Iran deal as “a Jewish mother” and American citizen.

“There’s nothing more important to me, as a Jew, (than) to ensure that Israel’s existence is there throughout our generations,” she said on CNN’s “State of the Union.”

The White House has clinched the necessary Senate votes to ensure that Congress will uphold the deal even if President Barack Obama ends up having to veto a disapproval resolution set for a vote in the week ahead.

But with that support in hand and more piling up, the White House and congressional backers of the deal have begun aiming for a more ambitious goal: enough commitments to bottle up the disapproval resolution in the Senate by using procedural rules to prevent it from even coming to a final vote.

That effort suffered a setback on Friday as Sen. Ben Cardin, top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he opposed the deal.

Thirty-eight senators — all Democrats — back the agreement, three votes shy of the 41 needed to filibuster a disapproval resolution and block it from passing.

Powell, who served as national security adviser under President Ronald Reagan, invoked Reagan’s oft-quoted maxim that the West should “trust but verify” any agreements with the former Soviet Union.

“With Iranians, don’t trust but always verify,” Powell said. □

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Plainclothes cops keep eye out for Times Square hustlers



A costumed character walks past a New York Police Department officer in plain clothes Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015, in New York's Times Square. Concerned that Times Square is becoming less wholesome, the NYPD is assigning plainclothes officers to discourage aggressive panhandling in a tourist attraction that long ago rid itself of prostitutes and junkies.

(AP Photo/Craig Ruttle)

TOM HAYS

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — In the summer of topless, painted women in Times Square, a team of New York Police Department officers fanned out on a recent night in their own getups — shorts, T-shirts and backpacks that allowed them to blend in with the crowd. Two officers strolled through a pedestrian plaza past the seminude women and costumed characters trolling for tips from tourists. Others sat in a grandstand in Duffy Square. Another brushed past an unsuspecting Spider-Man. By the end of the night, police had arrested one of the topless women on prostitution charges while in a separate incident, a South Carolina businessman was charged with assaulting another one of the women over a missing wallet — proof, New York Police Department officials say, of the potential for disorder related to Times Square's legion of hustlers who call themselves street entertainers.

The bustling mix of panhandlers, traffic, tourists and commerce — along with the threat of terrorism — makes Times Square “one of the most complex environments in the world,” Police Commissioner William Bratton told The Associated Press. “The issue is how to keep it a safe and orderly place within the law.”

Unlike two decades ago

— a seedier era when junkies, hookers and bar fights still were facts of life — Times Square is one of the safest spots in the city. Still, police officials argue that the type of enforcement that led to the recent prostitution arrest is one of the measures needed to keep it that way.

Toplessness and non-intimidating panhandling are legal in New York. But that hasn't curbed outrage over aggressive costumed characters and so-called desnudas — women wearing thongs and covering themselves only with patriotic body paint — seeking tips in exchange for photos. Police say some of the desnudas work in pairs or with handlers, and can make up to \$300 a day.

As the women became a tabloid sensation, the NYPD announced it was forming a new unit of about 100 officers to bolster existing patrols in Times Square. The decision is part of a broader program that will include greater use of security cameras and other counterterrorism measures, Bratton said.

The department already has been responding to complaints about hustlers by using techniques familiar in drug investigations; it deploys undercovers, plainclothes surveillance teams and intelligence to detect and deter crime related to the panhandling.

“It's a lot of waiting and watching,” Inspector Joseph Dowling, one of the

commanders leading the initiative, said while touring Times Square. “And when there's criminal activity, guys pounce on it.”

Much of the enforcement has focused on peddlers who aggressively hawk homemade music CDs.

“You can peacefully beg, you can peacefully ask for money, but what you can't do is intimidate people, block their path or hold onto them,” said Lt. Daniel Albano of the NYPD Legal Affairs Bureau.

In the prostitution bust, two undercover officers posing as tourists approached desnuda Destiny Romero to take a picture with her. Phone numbers were exchanged with Romero and her handler, Jason Perez, and in a later phone call Perez offered to sell the

undercovers drugs, police said.

The officers directed the suspects to a hotel, where Perez allegedly sold them cocaine and the synthetic drug “molly” for \$200 and Romero offered to perform oral sex for another \$200 before both were arrested, police said. There was no response to messages left seeking comment from defense attorneys.

Earlier that night, Mark Walters, 46, of Charleston, was arrested on charges he assaulted a topless woman after accusing her of being a pickpocket. In court, his lawyer complained that his client was the true victim.

Despite the arrests, police don't expect more trouble from the painted women. □

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Fed-up and angry supporters let Trump defy political gravity



Leigh Ann Crouse of Dubuque, Iowa, shows her support for Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump at a park along the Mississippi River in Dubuque. "It's totally refreshing. He's not politically correct. He has a backbone and he cannot be bought," said Crouse.

(AP Photo/Andy Manis)

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Associated Press
NORWOOD, Massachusetts
(AP) — Donald Trump insults and exaggerates. He dismisses the need for public policy ideas, gets confused about world affairs and sometimes says things that flat out aren't

true. And the cheers from his supporters only grow louder. By the standard that voters typically use to judge presidential candidates, Trump, a billionaire real estate developer and reality TV host, probably should not have

survived his first day in the 2016 race. Yet as the summer draws to a close and the initial contests on the nominating calendar appear on the horizon, Trump has established himself as the Republican front-runner. "It's totally refreshing. He's

not politically correct. He has a backbone and he cannot be bought," said Leigh Ann Crouse, 55, of Dubuque, Iowa.

Crouse is among the dozens of voters interviewed in the past two weeks by The Associated Press to understand how Trump has defied the laws of political gravity.

Uniting them is a deep-rooted anger and frustration with the nation's political leaders — President Barack Obama and conservative Republicans who, these voters say, haven't sufficiently stood up to the Democratic administration.

Some of those interviewed have not voted in years, or ever, and may not next year. But at this moment, they are entranced by Trump's combination of self-assurance, record of business success and a promise that his bank account is big enough to remain insulated from the forces they believe have poisoned Washington by demanding special favors in return for campaign contributions.

By the way, they say it's not that they are willing to look past Trump's flaws to fix what they believe ails the country. It's that those flaws are exactly what makes him the leader America needs.

"At least we know where he stands," said Kurt Esche, 49, an independent who was at a recent Trump rally near Boston. "These other guys, I don't trust anything that comes out of their mouths. They're lying to get elected. This guy's at least saying what he believes." "He may have started as a joke," Esche said, "but he may be the real deal."

Republican pollster Frank Luntz, who recently held a discussion with a group of nearly 30 Trump backers in Virginia, said such support is emblematic of Trump's popularity. It stems less from their love for the candidate and more from a belief those in power have failed. "He activates the anger and frustration they have toward Washington and Wall Street," Luntz said. For many, Trump's rise is a reaction to Obama, long criticized by opponents as a weak leader who appeases America's enemies rather than asserting U.S. dominance on the global stage.

"We're just so weak. We're not respected anymore," said Jerry Welshoff, 56, of Franklin, Massachusetts, who arrived at the recent Trump event near Boston unsure about the candidate. He walked away convinced he's the best choice for the White House. The frustration among voters isn't limited to their feelings about Obama. Welshoff said the Republican Party has done nothing but acquiesce to Obama despite taking control of Congress in 2014. □

Fiorina:

US shouldn't open doors wider to Syrian refugees

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Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Carly Fiorina said Sunday the United States should not open its doors any wider to welcome Syrian refugees streaming into Europe. The former technology executive cited concerns about terrorism in explaining her position during an appearance on CBS' "Face the Nation" that the U.S. "sadly, cannot relax our entrance criteria."

An estimated 4 million refugees have fled Syria since 2011. The United States has accepted about 1,000 Syrians this year among 70,000 refugees from across the world. Some have called on the U.S. to expand its refugee program. Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, described the situation as "a shared responsibility among the civilized nation states of the world," in an interview that aired Sunday on

ABC's "This Week." Yet Fiorina, a former Hewlett-Packard CEO, said the U.S. should be "very careful about who we let enter this country from these war torn regions to ensure that terrorists are not coming here." Fiorina remains a long-shot to win the Republican nomination, although polls show she has risen to the middle of the pack of 17 candidates since making a strong performance in the first Republican presidential debate.

Ohio Gov. John Kasich, another Republican presidential candidate, suggested there was room for the United States to play a bigger role.

"I think we do have a responsibility in terms of taking some more folks in — making sure they assimilate, and at the same time, helping people to actually be safe as they move — that's logistical support," he told ABC. "But this is fundamentally an issue that Europe has to come to grips with." □

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New England's ports, long past prime, seek to stage comeback

STEPHEN SINGER
Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)

— The noise and bustle of nearby neighborhoods fade away at New Haven's sprawling port. An oil and chemical tanker floats placidly at a dock. A tug pushes a barge out in Long Island Sound. Only occasionally do trucks rumble up to a scrap metal business or deliver materials for road work.

What was a key port for lumber and other goods dating to Colonial times is, like other New England ports, facing a reckoning after a lengthy decline. In the region that nurtured the beginnings of New World commerce with whaling, fishing and ship-building, state and local governments are taking stock of aging infrastructure at deep-water ports. As they move to stake out their share of global trade, the challenge is how to stay relevant in an age of ever-larger ships.

"There are so few people who know about our deep-water ports," said Judith Scheiffele, executive director of the New Haven Port Authority.

"I think it's kind of taken for granted."

New England's ports saw their national rankings in terms of total trade plummet since the 1970s, a trend that only accelerated with the Great Recession. New Haven, which ranked 33rd in the nation in 1972 with 13.1 million tons, ranked 57th in 2013 with only 8.4 million tons, according to the American Association of Port Authorities.

The drop owes to issues of access and global forces far outside local control.

Ports constantly need costly dredging, and the will has not always kept up with the need to remove

silt. In Bridgeport, Connecticut, New England's southernmost port, ship traffic is severely limited because the harbor has not been dredged since 1964, leaving it short of the standard 35-foot depth in places.

A harbor's depth is key to attracting business and has huge significance for marketing, said Tim Sullivan, deputy commissioner at the state's Department of Economic and Community Development.

Money that once might have gone toward deepening harbors and providing rail and highway connections was used to increase security after the Sept. 11 attacks, according to John Martin, a maritime industry analyst.

Boston is having its harbor deepened to 51 feet at the entrance and 47 feet in inner channels and will be the region's only port accommodating bigger ships, said Edward O'Donnell, chief of the navigation section at the Army Corps of Engineers in New England. With the exception of Boston and Portland, New England's ports generally handle only cargo that is loaded individually — not the large, more lucrative container shipping.

More commerce is moving on giant ships that can pass through an expanded Panama Canal. New England's location, on the East Coast, doesn't help, either, as lately it is Asia — and not Europe — that sends most cargo by sea to the United States.

A number of governments are puzzling over how to take better advantage of the economic potential at their deep-water ports.

In Connecticut, a state port authority was created to promote three major ports on Long Island Sound: Bridgeport, New Haven



A tug boat floats near storage tanks at the New Haven Port Authority in New Haven, Conn. New England's ports saw their national rankings in terms of total trade plummet since the 1970s. New Haven, ranked 33rd in the nation in 1972 with 13.1 million tons, ranked 57th in 2013 with only 8.4 million tons, according to the American Association of Port Authorities.

(Catherine Avalone/New Haven Register via AP)

and New London. The goal is to attract investment by marketing them as alternatives to the Northeast's

traffic-clogged highways. The state has not made an estimate of how many jobs might be created, an

economic development spokesman said.

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Migrants flow west on Hungarian trains; 13,000 reach Austria

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HEGYESHALOM, Hungary (AP) — Hungarian police stood by as thousands of migrants hopped cross-border trains Sunday into Austria, taking advantage of Hungary's surprise decision to stop screening international train travelers for travel visas, a get-tough measure that the country had launched only days before to block their path to asylum in Western Europe. Fourteen trains from Hungary's capital of Budapest arrived at the Hegyeshalom station near the Austrian border, disgorging migrants onto the platform. Police didn't check documents as passengers, mostly migrants, walked a few yards (meters) to waiting Austria-bound trains, which typically left less than 3 minutes later. Austrian police said more than 13,000 migrants have passed through their country to Germany over the past two days, far more than expected. Arabs, Asians and Africans who often have spent



Migrants walk from the main station in Dortmund, Germany, to a hall where they get first attendance Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015. Thousands of migrants and refugees arrived in Dortmund by trains. (AP Photo/Martin Meissner)

weeks traveling through Turkey, Greece and the Balkans to reach Hungary, a popular back door into the European Union, found to their surprise they were permitted Sunday to buy tickets to take them all the way into Austria and Germany. Hungary had insisted last week they would no longer be allowed to do

this. Ticket sellers at Budapest's Keleti station merely rolled their eyes when asked by AP why they were selling Vienna tickets to asylum seekers. Several migrants told the AP they had expected to be rejected, but easily bought international tickets to Vienna without visa checks.

"No check, no problem," said Reza Wafai, a 19-year-old from Bamiyan, Afghanistan, who hopes to join relatives in Dortmund, Germany. He displayed his just-purchased ticket to Vienna costing 9,135 forints (\$32.50). He was traveling without a passport, carrying only a black-and-white Hungarian asylum seeker

ID. EU rules stipulate asylum seekers should seek refuge in their initial EU entry point. But virtually none of the migrants want to claim asylum in Hungary, where the government is building border defenses and trying to make it increasingly hard for asylum seekers to enter.

Hungarian government spokesman Zoltan Kovacs told The Associated Press that Hungary had decided to drop visa checks on train ticket customers, a measure introduced only Tuesday, because of the sudden drop in migrant numbers made possible by Germany and Austria's breakthrough decision to take thousands of asylum seekers stuck in Hungary. The country used 104 buses to clear Budapest's central Keleti train station and Hungary's major motorway of more than 4,000 migrants and deliver them to the border.

Sunday's free movement for migrants on trains represented an effort "to return to normality, whatever that is," Kovacs said.

"Last week the security situation was such that we had to step up in-depth checking," Kovacs said, referring to Hungary's effort to require suspected migrants to show valid travel visas when trying to buy train tickets. The rule effectively blocked every migrant from a cross-border train.

"Now anybody can buy a ticket again, and this is normal. Police typically do not check tickets and railways do not check visas," Kovacs said.

But complicating the ever-changing picture, Austria's railway company told the AP it plans to end its connections to Hegyeshalom on Monday. □

Tsipras warns Greeks against return to 'corrupt' past

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Associated Press
ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Former Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said Sunday the upcoming national election is a battle between his "honorable" government of the past seven months and "the dark period of corruption, cronyism and power networks" that prevailed in previous decades. Tsipras, leader of the left-wing Syriza party, said he is the best-placed to improve the bailout deal with Greece creditors which he himself agreed to in July and which he described as "open-ended" on sev-

eral issues and subject to improvement through negotiations. Tsipras was speaking at the Thessaloniki International Fair, where the government of the day traditionally outlines its economic program for the next year. But this year, an interim government is in power, after Tsipras and his coalition government resigned on Aug. 20, following the defection of dozens of lawmakers from his party. Tsipras outlined a government program whose reformist agenda, on education, health, employment, the economy and the civil service, has been, with a

few variations, echoed by previous governments but, with exceptions, never implemented. To put his own progressive stamp on policies, Tsipras said his economic policy would be based on "strong government intervention, with (state) investment to redistribute incomes." He also accused his conservative opponents of championing mass layoffs and flexible forms of work, while he would promote "collaborative social economy ventures with subsidized wage costs." The latest polls in the run-up to the Sept. 20 election

show Tsipras' Syriza and conservative New Democracy almost neck-and-neck and likely nine parties entering Parliament, making a coalition government almost a certainty. Two polls published Sunday, by research firms Kapa Research and Marc, show Syriza leading New Democracy by 0.6 percent and 0.4 percent respectively, with no party close to getting 30 percent of the vote. In both polls, the extreme right, anti-migrant Golden Dawn is in third place. The size of undecided respondents is 11.6 percent and 14.1 percent, respectively. □



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Syria news says militant behind bombings held

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Associated Press**

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — A militant suspected of masterminding car bombings in a southern Syrian province that killed a prominent cleric and at least 25 others was arrested Sunday after the slayings sparked anti-government protests, pro-government media reported.

Syrian state television said the militant, known as Wafi Abu Trabi, confessed to elders in Sweida province of plotting the bombings and subsequent violence against security forces there. The state news agency SANA identified him as a member of the Nusra Front, Syria's al-Qaida affiliate.

Late Sunday, the state television aired confessions by Abu Trabi, in which he said he was recruited by a Syrian rebel to kill the cleric. Sweida is a predominantly Druze region that largely has stayed out of the civil war raging in Syria since 2011. Balous was a vocal critic of Syrian President Bashar Assad. Soon after the bombings, clashes erupted outside police stations and security offices that killed some security agents, local resident and activist Tarek Abdul-Hai said. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said six security personnel were killed.

Abdul-Hai, speaking to The Associated Press by telephone from Sweida, said that calm has returned to the city as armed militias took charge of patrolling the area. Abdul-Hai said police and security agents have withdrawn from public view to ease the tension. □

Saudi airstrikes destroy Yemen rebel encampment



A Shiite fighter known as a Houthis stands guard in front of buildings destroyed by a Saudi-led airstrike in Sanaa, Yemen.

**AHMED AL-HAJ
Associated Press**

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Airstrikes from a Saudi-led coalition destroyed a key rebel encampment Sunday in

Yemen's capital, while also hitting a school, restaurants and embassies, witnesses and officials from both sides of the conflict said. The strikes wounded 17

people, including school children taking final exams, medical officials said.

The Saudi and Emirati embassies were damaged, witnesses and security offi-

cials said.

Yemen is torn by fighting between Shiite Houthis rebels allied with forces loyal to former President Ali Abdullah Saleh against President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi's coalition-backed forces, as well as southern separatists, local militias and Sunni extremists. The strikes early Sunday morning hit the headquarters of the Special Security Forces, where troops remain loyal to Saleh. Security officials said warplanes also targeted weapons caches in the mountains of Noqum and Ayban, east and west of Sanaa.

Meanwhile in the port city of Aden, dozens of families of those wounded in fighting besieged the city's only working oil refinery, effectively shutting down production, pro-government security officials said. □

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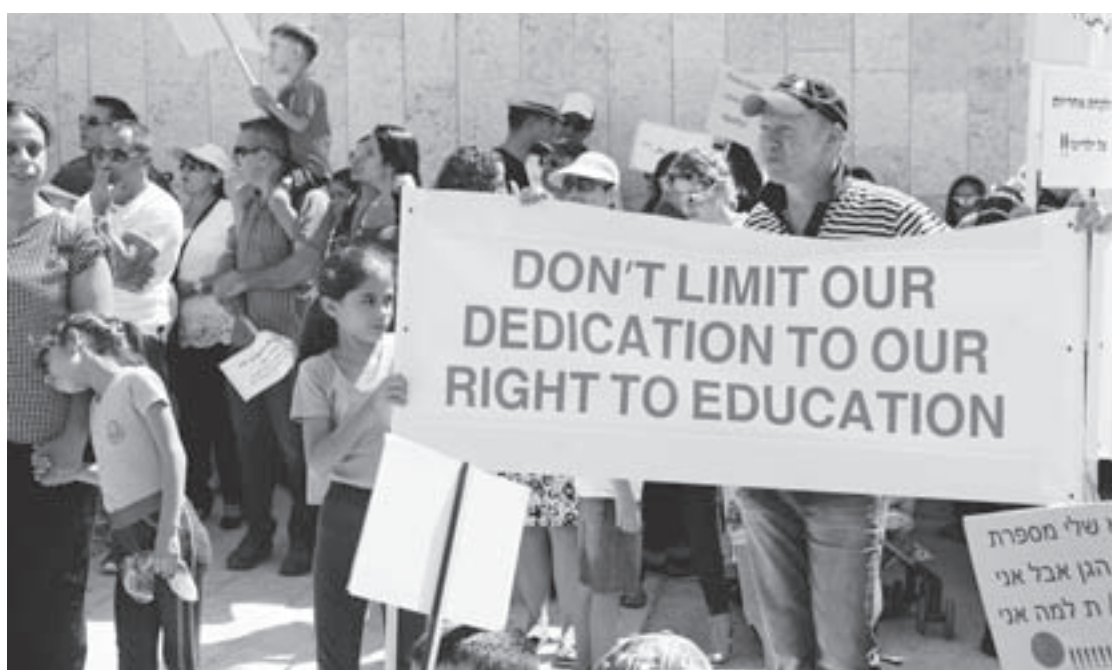
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Israel's Christian schools striking over slashing of funding

AREEJ HAZBOUN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — About 2,500 striking demonstrators gathered Sunday outside the prime minister's office in Jerusalem, police said, to protest against the slashing of funds for Christian schools. Christian school administrators accuse Israel of cutting their funding as a tactic to pressure them to join the Israeli public school system — a move they say would interfere with the schools' Christian values and high academic achievements. The vast majority of Israel's Christians are of Arab descent, and Arab lawmakers

joined students, parents and principals at Sunday's demonstration, waving flags and holding banners with slogans such as "Christian schools are not for sale." Some 33,000 students in 47 schools have been on strike since the school year began on Sept. 1. Protesters complain that Israel continues to fully fund large private school networks that cater to ultra-Orthodox Jews while it slashes the Christians' budget. "This is discrimination and you know we pay all our dues and as citizens of this country, we are law-abiding citizens and we



Arab Israeli Christians hold signs during a demonstration in front of the prime minister's office in Jerusalem, Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015. About 2,500 striking demonstrators gathered Sunday outside the prime minister's office in Jerusalem, police said, to protest against the slashing of funds for Christian schools. (AP Photo/Mahmoud Illean)

deserve equal rights," said Ibrahim Fakhouri, a parent from the Arab city of Nazareth. Christians make up a small part of Israel's 20 percent

Arab minority. In the birthplace of Christianity, Christians are currently less than 2 percent of the population of Israel and the Palestinian territories. There are

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Turkey:

Dutch journalist detained for second time

SUZAN FRASER

Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — A Dutch journalist said Sunday she was detained by police in a town in Turkey's mainly Kurdish southeast region, where scores of people have died in renewed fighting between security forces and Kurdish rebels. Frederike Geerdink said on her Twitter account that she was detained in the town of Yuksekova along with a group of "human shield" protesters who were attempting to stop the violence there. Geerdink said she would be questioned by a prosecutor.

ecutor.

A government official confirmed that she had been detained along with 19 other people for illegally entering a restricted zone and taking part in the protest. The official also said that members of the group were taken away for their own protection. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with government rules barring officials from speaking to reporters without prior authorization, added that an investigation was ongoing. It was the second time that the freelance journal-

ist, who reports mainly on Kurdish issues, has been taken into custody in Turkey. She was briefly detained in January and was acquitted of charges of engaging in propaganda on behalf of the Kurdish rebels in April. This week, a Turkish court released from jail two British Vice News journalists who were arrested on terror-related charges while reporting from Diyarbakir, the main city in Turkey's mainly Kurdish region. Their Turkey-based assistant, Mohammed Ismael Rasool, remains jailed pending the conclusion of an investigation. □



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Guatemala voters choose new president amid fraud scandal

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Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) —

An uncomfortable challenge confronted Guatemala's presidential candidates on Sunday: trying to win the votes of a nation that has put the last elected leader in court custody.

Most are old-guard candidates picked to run before energized prosecutors backed by a mass anti-corruption movement toppled the previous administration. Many voters are so skeptical that they campaigned for the election itself to be postponed to give them a new crop of choices.

Leading in most polls with roughly 30 percent backing is Manuel Baldizon, a wealthy 44-year-old businessman and longtime politician. His running mate is accused by prosecutors of influence trafficking, but as a candidate enjoys immunity from prosecution.

Guatemalans began heading to the polls after they opened early Sunday to also elect a vice president, members of Congress and the Central American Parliament, and local authorities for municipalities nationwide.

In the presidential race, Baldizon's most competitive rivals were television comedian Jimmy Morales, who has never held elective office, former first lady Sandra Torres and Zulia Rios, the daughter of a former dictator accused of genocide.

If none of the 14 candidates reaches 50 percent, a runoff will be held Oct. 25.

A key question is the level of protest vote in the face of a corruption scandal that has forced President

Otto Perez Molina and Vice President Roxana Baldetti to resign. Both are currently in custody, accused of being involved in a customs kickback scheme.

Activists are urging voters to go to the polls wearing black clothes of mourning, abstain or cast null ballots. On the streets, it's hard to find a campaign poster that hasn't been covered with insults. Tens of thousands had joined demonstrations asking for the vote to be postponed. Baldizon, who finished second in the last presidential race, initially campaigned on the slogan "It's his turn" — a reference to the fact that the last four elections have been won by the previous runner-up. It struck many critics as a display of what's wrong with the country's politics. At protests, demonstrators have chanted: "It's not your turn."

Baldizon has acknowledged Guatemalans' disgust with crime, cor-



Guatemalans wait in line during general elections at a polling station in San Juan Sacatepequez, Guatemala, Sunday Sept. 6, 2015. Guatemalans began heading to the polls after they opened early Sunday.
(AP Photo/Moises Castillo)

ruption and impunity. His campaign website vows a "modernization of the democratic state" to reform government and combat poverty and social inequality.

But after Baldizon's campaign blew past the legal

ceiling on electoral costs, he ignored orders to stop spending.

Morales, 46, boasts of his outsider status and says he is part of the uprising against corruption. He has promised greater transparency, including

media review of government contracts. Torres, 59, divorced former President Alvaro Colom ahead of the last presidential race to try to get around rules barring presidential relatives from running, but was still ruled ineligible. □

Mexico:

Group rejects government case on 43 missing

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Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — An independent report presented Sunday dismantles the Mexican government's investigation into last year's disappearance of 43 teachers' college students, starting with the assertion that the giant funeral pyre in which the attorney general said they were burned to ash beyond identification simply never happened.

While the government said the Sept. 26 attack was a case of mistaken identity,

the report said it was a violent and coordinated reaction to the students, who were hijacking buses for transportation to a demonstration and may have unknowingly interfered with a drug shipment on one of the buses. Iguala, the city in southern Guerrero state where that attacks took place, is known as a transport hub for heroin going to the United States, particularly Chicago, some of it by bus, the report said.

"The business that moves the city of Iguala could explain such an extreme and violent reaction and the

character of the massive attack," the experts said in the report delivered to the government and the students' families during a public presentation, where some started changing "It was the state!"

The report means that nearly a year after the disappearance, the fate of 42 of the students remains a mystery, given the errors, omissions and false conclusions outlined in more than 400 pages by the experts assembled by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Only a charred bone frag-

ment of only one of the 43 has been identified and it wasn't burned at the high temperature of an incineration, contrary to Mexican investigators' claims.

"We have no evidence to support where the disappeared are," said Carlos Beristain, a Spanish medical doctor on the team.

The report recommends that authorities rethink their assumptions and lines of investigation, as well as continue the search for the students and investigate the possible use of public or private ovens to cremate the bodies. □

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Trinidad PM in election fight over crime, corruption claims



Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago Kamla Persad-Bissessar speaks in Perth, Australia. Persad-Bissessar, the twin-island's first female prime minister, faces a tough re-election on Monday, Sept. 7, 2015 amid complaints that her government has tolerated corruption and failed to curb violent crime. (AP Photo/Rob Griffith)

TONY FRASER
Associated Press
PORT-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad
(AP) — The first female prime minister of Trinidad and Tobago faces a tough fight for re-election Monday amid complaints about corruption and violent crime in the twin-island Caribbean nation. Polls show a close race for control of Parliament between the coalition led by Prime Minister Kamla

Persad-Bissessar and the party of opposition leader Keith Rowley. The two rivals have a similar ideology and their support is divided largely along ethnic lines. Each claims he or she will do a better job of tackling violent crime and managing the country's natural gas and oil resources amid falling prices. The two also have traded accusations of corrup-

tion, some lobbied by ousted former world soccer official Jack Warner, who is seeking to recapture a seat in Parliament while fighting extradition to the U.S. on corruption charges. Five parties and several independents are contesting the 41 seats in the Parliament. Persad-Bissessar, 63, took office in May 2010 at the head of the four-party

People's Partnership coalition. She has called crime the No. 1 problem in the country and proposes better policing and a zero-tolerance approach. "Now is not the time to experiment with any inexperienced party," she said at a recent rally. "You need to give us another five years to finish our work." The prime minister has promised a new highway, a children's hospital, free laptops for primary school students and grants to single mothers. The United National Congress, the largest contingent in the prime minister's coalition, has its base of support with people of East Indian descent who make up about 35 percent of the population of 1.2 million. Opposition leader Keith Rowley, leader of the People's National Movement, has his base among people of African descent, who also make up about 35 percent. Some of his supporters accuse the ruling party of taking ethnic politics too far. "I am against this government because of its ethnic agenda in promoting its Indo supporters, giving them the major jobs in the public service over Afro-

Trinis," said Karen Bart Alexander, a social development planner. Persad-Bissessar has included officials of African descent in her Cabinet, including Warner, who was national security minister until April 2013. He resigned after an ethics panel of the regional CO-CACAF soccer federation released a report accusing him of enriching himself through fraud during his tenure with the organization. He was one of 14 people indicted in the U.S. on corruption charges involving international soccer's governing body FIFA and has been battling extradition. Polls suggest he is unlikely to regain the seat he lost when his term expired in June. The People's National Movement led the country to independence in 1962 and held power for most of the next half century. It has accused the government of mismanaging the oil-based economy, which has averaged annual growth of only half a percent over the past five years. Rowley said the economy needs to be diversified to lessen the island's dependence on its energy sector. □

Guyana's government says it will undercut river bridge toll

Associated Press
GEORGETOWN, Guyana
(AP) — Guyana's government said on Sunday that it will let private boat owners offer taxi service across a river near the Suriname border after the opposition-linked company that controls the bridge over it refused to lower tolls. In its budget presenta-

tion last month, the government had ordered that a \$10 toll for vehicles crossing the Berbice River bridge be reduced by about \$3, but company directors refused and instead asked for a 50 percent increase in rates. The Berbice River Company Inc. has the rights to operate the bridge for 21

years. On Sunday, State Minister Joseph Harmon said authorities will offer vehicles a cheaper way across the river by allowing private vessels to compete with the toll bridge and will help the boat owners keep rates down by subsidizing their services. The bridge, about 60 miles

(97 kilometers) southeast of the city, is the lifeline connection between the capital and the coastal region near Suriname. It is controlled by an opposition businessman. The previous government had banned the state ferry service from competing with the facility and had also done the same to pri-

vate operators giving the firm a monopoly. President David Granger has said the government is reacting to demands from students and the poor who cannot afford rates for crossing the bridge to go to school and to access state services on the other side of the river in New Amsterdam town. □



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TEDxAruba Press

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Venus Williams, of the United States, raises her fist after beating Anett Kontaveit, of Estonia, during the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015, in New York.

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Serena sets up U.S. Open QF vs. sister Venus

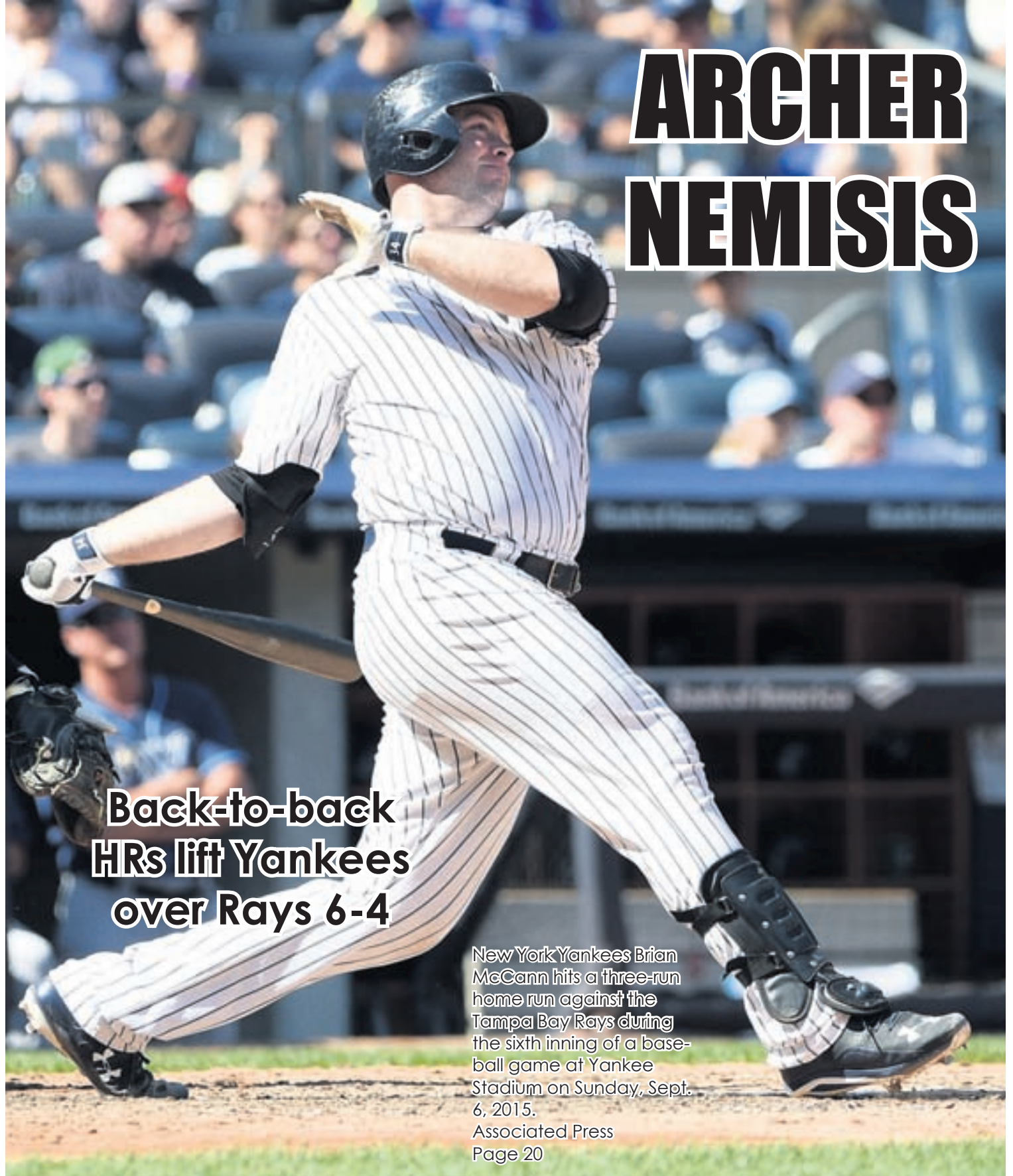
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AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — No need for any extra practice after this performance by Serena Williams.

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Playing the best she has in the U.S. Open as she chases a calendar-year Grand Slam, Williams set up a quarterfinal against older sister Venus by making only six unforced errors in a 6-3, 6-3 victory over 19th-seeded Madison Keys on Sunday.

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ARCHER NEMESIS

Back-to-back HRs lift Yankees over Rays 6-4

New York Yankees Brian McCann hits a three-run home run against the Tampa Bay Rays during the sixth inning of a baseball game at Yankee Stadium on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015.

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Stenson takes the lead at Deutsche Bank

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

NORTON, Mass. (AP) — One 3-wood quickly put Henrik Stenson into the mix at the Deutsche Bank Championship. Another one helped to give him the lead.

Stenson drilled a 3-wood on the 298-yard fourth hole at the TPC Boston that hit into the bank and rolled up to 20 feet for an eagle that allowed him to bolt up the leaderboard. The Swede showed off his supreme strength on the par-5 closing hole with a 3-wood off the tee that left him only a 6-iron into the green for a two-putt birdie that gave him a 6-under 65 and a one-shot lead over Rickie Fowler.

Five shots behind going into the third round Sunday, Stenson made up that deficit in just seven holes. He can only hope to make up that kind of ground on a winless season during the final month of the FedEx Cup playoffs. "It's a good time to start playing well," said Stenson, who was at 13-under 200. "It's a big event and lots to play for. I'm happy with the progress I made and it gave me a little bit

of a confidence boost last week that I had a nice tournament. I hope I can have another one here tomorrow."

Fowler had a 67, missing out on a chance to share the lead when his 5-iron into the 18th was too strong and he had to scramble to salvage a par.

Sean O'Hair (67) and Matt Jones (68) were two shots behind.

They all took advantage of a collapse by Charley Hoffman, who blazed his way to victory at the TPC Boston five years ago. After opening with a birdie, Hoffman put his second shot into the hazard at the par-5 second hole and made bogey, and it slipped away from there. He shot 41 on front, had five bogeys in a seven-hole stretch and didn't make another birdie until his last hole for a 76.

Jordan Spieth was headed for a return to No. 1, and he's not even here after missing his second straight cut.

PGA champion Jason Day would have to win the Deutsche Bank to go to No. 1 in the world, and the Australian finally hit the wall. Day made a double

bogey on the reachable par-4 fourth hole and never quite recovered. He had a 73, his first round over par since closing with a 74 at the U.S. Open in June.

"There's no excuse for poor playing," said Day, who was nine shots out of

an ankle injury, had made only nine birdies in 54 holes. The biggest move might have been Hunter Mahan, the only player to never miss a FedEx Cup playoff event since the series began in 2007. Mahan faces elimination this week as



Rickie Fowler walks to the 17th tee during the third round of the Deutsche Bank Championship golf tournament in Norton, Mass., Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015.

Associated Press

the lead. "I just wish I had a little bit more energy."

Rory McIlroy needs to finish 10th alone to remain No. 1, but he had to birdie his last two holes for a 71. He was 15 shots out of the lead. McIlroy, playing for only the second time since the U.S. Open because of

only the top 70 advance to the third tournament, and he came in at No. 91. But he found a swing key on the practice, holed some putts and shot a 64 to bolt up the leaderboard into a tie for 11th. He has a chance to at least advance to Chicago in two weeks. Stenson, however, grabbed most of the attention. He won the Deutsche Bank two years ago, and converted that into a \$10 million bonus when he dominated the field at East Lake to win the Tour Championship. The runner-up finish (by six shots) to Day at The Barclays put Stenson in good

shape for the FedEx Cup, and this could only help.

It's a big course that favors big hitters, and Stenson is smashing it at the moment. He made his move with a 7-iron into 6 feet on the par-3 third, and then drilling a 3-wood that climbed onto the green at the par-4 fourth hole and settled 20 feet away, setting up an eagle. He closed out the front nine with two more birdies, and Fowler was keeping pace behind him. Stenson kept his cool on the back nine as the putts stopped falling. He missed four good birdie chances from 12 feet or in, but after another big 3-wood off the tee at the 18th, he hit 6-iron to the middle of the green for his two-putt birdie and the lead.

Fowler chipped through the 18th green and his ball got hung up in the rough. He did well to get up-and-down for a par to get in the last group with Stenson.

"He's a strong, powerful player," Fowler said. "And obviously, he's playing well this week to be in the position he's in. I'm looking forward to the two of us playing well, go head-to-head and seeing if one of us will be the one to come out on top." Still in range was Russell Knox, who hit one of the best shots of the week behind the 18th green. From about the spot Fowler was in, Knox drilled a pitch into the hill to kill the speed and watching it trickle down the slope to 3 feet for birdie and a 68 to get within three shots of the lead. □



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Looking ahead, No. 1 Serena described No. 23 Venus this way: "It's like playing a mirror."

Serena took only 68 minutes to dismiss Keys, a 20-year-old American with formidable serves and forehands who simply was outplayed. Already a winner of the past four major tournaments, including last year's U.S. Open, Serena is trying to become the first tennis player to win all four in the same season since Steffi Graf in 1988.

Asked why it's been so long since anyone else pulled off a true Grand Slam, Serena paused for effect, smiled and answered: "I don't know why it took me so long."

Standing in the way at the moment is Venus. This will be the 27th all-Williams match over their long and successful careers, and Serena leads 15-11, including 8-5 at majors. Each has beaten the other twice at the U.S. Open, with Venus winning the 2001 final and Serena the 2002 final.

"It's about, of course, forgetting that she's playing Venus," said Serena's coach, Patrick Mouratoglou.

Venus, at 35 the oldest woman in the tournament, was on court even less time than her sibling on Sunday, overwhelming 19-year-old qualifier Anett Kontaveit of Estonia 6-2, 6-1 in 50 minutes.

Venus, of course, knows full well the challenge that awaits Tuesday.

"What else can you do, except try to win the point and hope she doesn't hit an ace?" said Venus, who lost in the third round or earlier at each of the past four U.S. Opens.

The sisters' mother, Oracene Price, said she wouldn't attend the quarterfinal.

As for whether Venus will be in a tough spot — hoping to win, yet also well aware of what her sibling is pursuing — Price said: "I know it's going to be hard, because I know (Venus) wants (Ser-

ena) to get it."

Serena acknowledged having a bout with the jitters before her second-round match, when she double-faulted 10 times and made another two dozen unforced errors against a qualifier ranked 110th. Afterward, she took pointers from Mouratoglou and went to the practice court right away.

In the third round, against someone ranked 101st, Serena dropped the first set and was two games from defeat in the second before turning things around. Again, she put in more work to fix things.

"I was like, 'Serena, it's now or never. You've got to get that serve together,'" she said after winning 22 of 28 first-serve points and never facing a break point against Keys.

And what about heading back out for a training session with Mouratoglou?

"No, not today," Serena said. "I'm going to take the rest of the day off and relax and just enjoy it."

Keys played well, too, at the outset, and appeared relaxed, managing to smile after miscues. But at the first moment of any real tension, down 15-30 on her serve while trailing 4-3, Keys blinked, double-faulting twice.

Some terrific returning by Serena in the second set kept the heat on Keys.

"I think I served pretty well. I think she returned better," Keys said. "To beat Serena when she's playing well, you have to do a lot of things great."

Another women's fourth-round match scheduled for Sunday was scratched when 25th-seeded Eugenie Bouchard withdrew with a concussion, two days after slipping and falling in the locker room. That allowed Roberta Vinci of Italy to advance to the quarterfinals against the winner of Sunday night's match between No. 13 Ekaterina Makarova and Kristina Mladenovic.

In men's action, 32nd-seeded Fabio Fognini of

Italy — who stunned Rafael Nadal in the third round — had his back and neck adjusted by a trainer and also tried using an inhaler during a 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-1 loss to 18th-seeded Feliciano Lopez of Spain. Lopez now meets No. 1 Novak Djokovic or No. 23 Roberto Bautista Agut, who were scheduled to play Sunday night. Defending champion Marin Cilic overcame a tweaked right ankle thanks in large part to 23 aces, returning to the quarterfinals by eliminating 27th-ranked Jeremy Chardy of France 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (2), 6-1. Cilic now faces 19th-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

In the pivotal third-set tiebreaker, Cilic hit four serves: 120 mph ace, 131 mph ace, 123 mph ace, 112 mph ace. □



Serena Williams, of the United States, returns a shot to Madison Keys, of the United States, during the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament, Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015, in New York. Associated Press

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Back-to-back HRs by McCann, A-Rod lift Yankees over Rays 6-4

By **SCOTT ORGERA**

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) -- Facing a pitcher who has always had their number, the New York Yankees struck for a sudden rally.

Brian McCann and Alex Rodriguez hit back-to-back homers off All-Star Chris Archer that sent the Yankees past the Tampa Bay Rays 6-4 on Sunday.

"Archer's one of the best pitchers in the game," McCann said. "He's right up at the top and when you can scratch and claw and come back and get a win like that, it was huge."

Ivan Nova pitched six solid innings to help the Yankees take two of three in the series. New York, which leads the American League wild-card chase, remained 1 1/2 games behind first-place Toronto in the AL East.

The Blue Jays beat Baltimore 10-4.

On a picture-perfect afternoon in the Bronx, Archer was doing what he's always done - dominate the Yankees. The 26-year-old righty, who had never lost to New York, kept hitters off balance with a slider that opposing manager Joe Girardi suggested might be the best in the game.

That was, until the sixth inning. After the first 18 Yankees batters were held to one hit, New York finally broke through and erased a 3-0 deficit.

Archer (12-11) got two outs sandwiched around Jacoby Ellsby's single, but then began having trouble with his control. Following a walk to Carlos Beltran, McCann drove a 3-1 pitch deep into



New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez runs the bases on his solo home run against the Tampa Bay Rays during the sixth inning of a baseball game at Yankee Stadium on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015.

Associated Press

the right-center bleachers to tie the score at 3 - his career-high 25th home run. "We were sleepwalking there about five innings and Archer basically dominated us," Rodriguez said. "Mac has been huge all year."

Archer, who had allowed only one home run in eight previous starts against New York, saw his very next pitch to Rodriguez also wind up in the seats, giving the Yankees 4-3 lead.

"I didn't execute in the biggest moment of the game," said Archer, who entered 5-0 with a 1.78 ERA against the Yankees. "Am I disappointed? Of course. We need to win every single game."

New York added a run in the seventh when Didi Gregorius scored on a throwing error by second baseman Logan Forsythe.

Asdrubal Cabrera closed the gap to 5-4 with an eighth-inning homer just inside the right-field foul pole off Dellin Betances. New York made it 6-4 in the bottom half when September call-up Rico Noel scored his first career run on Gregorius' single.

Nova (6-7) had trouble commanding his breaking ball early in the game but settled down nicely. He yielded three runs and six hits to stop a three-start losing streak.

Andrew Miller stranded two runners in the ninth for his

31st save in 32 attempts.

Kevin Kiermaier hit a two-run homer off Nova in the second on a hanging curve. Forsythe added an RBI single in the third.

RED SOX 6, PHILLIES 2

BOSTON (AP) -- Rookie left-hander Eduardo Rodriguez is certainly making a strong case to be a part of Boston's rotation next season. The 22-year-old got a 2-0 lead thanks to David's Ortiz's 497th career home run and held Philadelphia to one run over seven innings as the Red Sox completed a three-game sweep with a 6-2 win over the Phillies on Sunday.

"I would say he has - nine wins," Red Sox interim manager Torey Lovullo said when asked if he's making a push to be a part of next year's starters.

It was Rodriguez's third win in four starts.

"What's not to say about the run he's on," Lovullo said. "He controlled the pitch counts, a great game."

"I just want to keep working to stay here next season," said Rodriguez (9-5). He gave up eight hits, striking out seven and walking one.

A day after he posted his club-record ninth season with 30 homers, Ortiz stepped up in his first at-bat and sent a 3-1 fastball from rookie right-hander Jerad Eickhoff (1-3) over the Phillies' bullpen to give Boston a 2-0 edge.

"It went about as far as I've seen a ball go this season," Lovullo said. "A beautiful

swing, typical David."

It was Big Papi's 200th career homer in Fenway Park. The 39-year-old slugger is looking to become the 27th player to reach the 500-homer mark.

Jackie Bradley Jr. added a two-run triple for Boston, which beat the Phillies for the 10th time in the last 12 meetings in Fenway.

It was the seventh win in 10 games for the Red Sox.

Odubel Herrera had three singles and drove in a run for Philadelphia, which is 1-11-2 in its last 14 series against Boston.

The Phillies (53-84), who own the majors' worst record, lost for the 10th time in 13 games. They went 1-5 on a six-game road trip.

"Nobody wants to end up in last place," Phillies manager Pete Mackanin said. "We need to do some damage (against the Braves) and then the Cubs. We need to forget this road trip and start over."

Ortiz barely missed hitting another one in his second at-bat, sending a sacrifice fly to the center-field warning track in Boston's four-run second. He left for a pinch hitter in the fifth because of right calf tightness.

Lovullo said the club was "trying to stay ahead" of Ortiz's calf issue.

Making his fourth major league start, Eickhoff gave up six runs on eight hits in four innings.

"I got back to what makes me good as pitcher - locating my fastball," he said.

Bradley Jr. tripled in the second and scored on Mookie Betts' single.

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Brady wants to move on from 'Deflategate'



New England Patriots football quarterback Tom Brady (12) greets New England Patriots defensive coordinator Matt Patricia, left, at the start of practice Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015, in Foxborough, Mass. Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Massachusetts (AP) — Patriots quarterback Tom Brady just wants to move on, after his four-game suspension for his role in using under-inflated footballs during the AFC championship game was overturned by a federal judge. Making his first public comments since the "Deflategate" court ruling, Brady said he is focused on preparing for Thursday's game against Pittsburgh. He also acknowledged the support of his family, friends and Patriots owner Bob Kraft.

"Everything that's happened over the past seven months, obviously I have a lot of personal feelings, but I really don't care to share many of those," Brady said Sunday. "I really care to think about what I need to do going forward. We've got a lot of guys in this locker room who worked really hard to get to this point, and so have I, and I'm excited to be able to go out there and do it." Brady's ban was overturned Thursday by a federal judge who criticized NFL Commissioner Roger

Goodell for going what he said was "far beyond" the investigative conclusions of attorney Ted Wells. Brady said the NFL's decision to appeal the ruling is "their choice." "I think that's just part of this process," he said. "My part is to get ready to play football, and that's what I'm really excited to do." It could take months for the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to hear the case because the league would have to show it would suffer irreparable harm to speed up the timetable. Brady led the Patriots to a Super Bowl win over Seattle on Feb. 1, but the "Deflategate" saga dominated headlines all the way into the start of this season. The star quarterback has insisted he played no role in a conspiracy to deflate footballs below the allowable limit at last season's AFC championship, a 45-7 rout of the Indianapolis Colts. Two Patriots employees - officials' locker room attendant Jim McNally and equipment assistant John Jastremski - were suspended for their role in the deflated balls.

"I certainly feel terrible for them that they're not able to be with us right now," Brady said. □

McDonnell outpoints Kameda again to retain title

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Jamie McDonnell successfully defended his WBA bantamweight title Sunday, knocking down Tomoki Kameda in the 12th round en route to a unanimous decision. The 29-year-old McDonnell improved to 27-2-1 with his second straight victory over Kameda. The English fighter took the title from

Kameda in May with a unanimous decision in Hidalgo, Texas. McDonnell received winning scores of 116-111, 115-112, 117-110, punctuating the victory with a right hand that sent the turning Kameda to the canvas. "When I dropped him in the last round, I think he did slip a little bit," McDonnell said. "I tried to stay away,

but I did catch him. After that, I know, I sealed the victory. "My jab was the key in the fight, and it was a great weapon for me. I just had to make sure that I stuck to the game plan we had been working on for over eight weeks." With trainer Ismael Salas in his corner for the first time, the 24-year-old Kameda dropped to 31-2. □

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Americans Harper-Nelson, McGrone win at ISTAF meet in Berlin

CIARAN FAHEY
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Dawn Harper-Nelson led an American 1-2 in the women's 100-meter hurdles and compatriot Candyce McGrone claimed victory in the 100 sprint at the ISTAF athletics meet Sunday.

Harper-Nelson, the 2008 Olympic champion, was keen to bounce back after clattering into a hurdle and falling in her semifinal at the world championships in Beijing. She clocked 12.82 to edge Sharika Nelvis by two hundredths of a second. European champion Tiffany Porter of Britain was third at the IAAF World Challenge meet.

"It was very difficult for me to recover after Beijing and my fall. I felt physically OK but mentally it was tough," Harper-Nelson said. "I prayed a lot and it seemed to help. You know, I love hurdles and always want to show the best of me."

McGrone won the sprint in 11.11, beating Marie-Josée Ta Lou of Ivory Coast by one tenth of a second and



United States' Candyce McGrone waits for the results from a women's 200m semifinal at the World Athletics Championships at the Bird's Nest stadium in Beijing, Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015.

Associated Press

fellow American Barbara Pierre by two tenths.

"It's my first victory this season, very precious," said McGrone, who hoped it would give her a "positive kick" for "the upcoming season when I want to fight for the spot in the Olympic team."

Jeneba Tarmoh of the U.S. was fourth, while Michelle-Lee Ahye of Trinidad and Tobago hobbled over the line after pulling up with an

injury.

Kim Collins of Saint Kitts and Nevis won the men's 100 in 10.13, edging American Isiah Young by four hundredths of a second.

"I really needed this to boost my self-confidence after what happened in China," said Collins, the 2003 world champion, who failed to emerge from his heat at the Worlds. "My body and soul needed to recover from it."

Andrew Riley of Jamaica celebrated his 27th birthday by winning the 110 hurdles in 13.40, ahead of Shane Brathwaite of Barbados.

Nijel Amos of Botswana defeated world silver medalist Adam Kszczot of Poland in the men's 800, and Paul Kipsiele Koech of Kenya edged Americans Hassan Mead and Bernard Lagat to win the men's 5000.

Virginia Nyambura Nganga of Kenya ran a world leading 6:02.16 in the women's 2000 steeplechase, ahead of compatriot Beatrice Chepkoech, while Gesa Felicitas Krause delighted the home fans with a German record of 6:04.20.

Lynsey Sharp of Britain ran a personal best of 1:57.71 to beat German champion Fabienne Kohlmann and world champion Marina Arzamasova in the women's 800.

"I train in such weather so I liked it," Sharp said of the cold and rainy conditions. Israel's Marharyta Dorozhon beat German world champion Katharina Moli-

tor to win the women's javelin, but there were no issues for Christina Schwanitz in the shot put. The German world champion threw 19.66 meters to beat Americans Michelle Carter and Tia Brooks, who threw 19.19 and 18.31, respectively.

Germany's Katrin Klaas took advantage of world record-holder Anita Wlodarczyk's late withdrawal to win the women's hammer with a throw of 72.09. Amber Campbell of the U.S. was second with 70.94. Tom Walsh of New Zealand beat David Storl of Germany to win the men's shot put with a throw of 20.71, and Poland's Piotr Lisiek won an exciting pole vault by soaring 5.74 meters. World record holder Renaud Lavillenie failed to make a height, failing twice at 5.54 and once at 5.64.

World champion Piotr Malachowski won the discus ahead of Germany's Christoph Harting and Polish compatriot Robert Urbanek, while Serbia's Ivana Spanovic won the women's long jump. □



Katusha Team's Joaquin Rodriguez of Spain, celebrates after winning the 145th stage between Comillas and Sotres Cabrales, 175.8 kilometers (109 miles), of the Spanish Vuelta cycling race that finish in Sotres Cabrales, northern Spain, Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015.

Associated Press

SOTRES, Spain (AP) — Joaquin Rodriguez powered up the final ascent of the mountainous 15th stage of the Spanish Vuelta to reduce Fabio Aru's overall lead to just one second on Sunday.

Rodriguez attacked over the last two kilometers (1.2 miles), riding high off his seat and breaking into a smile as Nairo Quin-

tana faded and Aru also dropped behind, leaving the Spaniard alone to crest the grueling peak. He finished the 175.8-kilometer (109.2-mile) ride, culminating at the Sotres category-one summit, in 4 hours, 33 minutes, 31 seconds.

Aru was fifth across the line, 15 seconds behind. Adding the 10-second bo-

Rodriguez wins 15th Vuelta stage, cuts Aru lead to 1 second

nus for Rodriguez's stage win, the Italian just saved the leader's red jersey for Monday's third consecutive stage with a summit finish in the northern mountains.

It was the 36-year-old Rodriguez's first stage win of this Vuelta and his ninth career stage win at the three-week Grand Tour.

"I had been looking for this during the entire Vuelta," said the Katusha leader, who also won two stages at this summer's Tour de France.

"We are in a perfect position only one second behind Aru. The strongest rider

will win this. My feelings are good."

Dutchman Tom Dumoulin fell from third overall to fourth, now 1 minute, 25 seconds back. Rafal Majka of Poland finished the stage second to move into third place in the general classification, one second in front of Dumoulin.

Dumoulin has so far stayed in contention in the mountains, with one more tough stage to go before a rest day. Dumoulin, the time-trial bronze medalist at the 2014 world championships, could make a grab for the red jersey in the 17th stage

individual time trial.

Rodriguez previously said Dumoulin had become the favorite after Chris Froome withdrew due to injury, and he stuck by that prediction on Sunday.

"I think he is doing it on purpose, marking his own pace," Rodriguez said about Dumoulin.

Aru agreed, saying "Dumoulin is dangerous."

Monday's stage stays in the northern mountains, taking riders through 185 kilometers (115 miles) from Luarca to a summit finish at Ermita de Alba.

The 21-stage race ends in Madrid on Sept. 13. □



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Samsung, others seek piece of nascent smartwatch market

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AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Samsung and other tech companies showcased new computerized wristwatches this week — all aimed at challenging Apple, a relative newcomer to selling smartwatches. Apple Watch was the leading smartwatch in the second quarter, with an estimated 4 million shipped worldwide, for a market share of more than 75 percent, according to Strategy Analytics. Samsung was a distant second with 400,000 shipped and a 7.5 percent market share. However, the market is still nascent, and Apple Watch isn't an option for people who use Android smart-



This Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2015, photo shows a baseball score on the ESPN app running on Samsung's Gear S2 during a presentation in New York.
Associated Press

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Although Samsung has been making smartwatches for about two years, its previous models have felt like miniature phones. Apps

Apple Watch. The original Gear S felt huge around wrists. Samsung says about 1,000 apps should be available when the S2 launches. That's promising, though less than Apple Watch's 8,500 and Android Wear's 4,000. So far, many leading app developers have focused on Apple Watch and Android Wear instead, as Samsung watches use a little-known system called Tizen. Samsung is letting app developers customize watch faces, so you can see baseball scores from ESPN or the latest posts from Twitter.

Availability: early October in the U.S., with prices to be announced. Later, Samsung will have a version with 3G cellular capabilities, which will let the watch do more without a companion phone nearby. Requirements: In a surprise move, Samsung is making the S2 work with a range of Android smartphones, though some features, such as setting alarms, might not work with all phones.

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Several manufacturers (but

not Samsung or Apple) are making smartwatches based on Android Wear. Manufacturers can focus on designing the hardware, while letting Google worry about the functionality. Consumers get choice, without compromising on app selection, as developers can write apps just once for multiple devices.

Among the choices:

— Motorola's latest Moto 360 watches come in three lines — men's, women's and a premium "Sport" version for fitness enthusiasts. Sport will have GPS built-in, along with a screen that can adapt to bright sunlight, with high-contrast text and graphics for better visibility in glare. Mix and match sizes, bands and bodies for \$300 to \$430. The men's and women's watches will come out in late September. Prices and release plans for the Sport

The Huawei Watch and the Apple Watch both start at \$349.

— On the flip side, Asus's new ZenWatch 2 will be notable for its price — starting at 149 euros (\$167) when it comes out in October.

Requirements: Though these will now work with an iPhone, you get more functionality with Android.

APPLE

Despite its late start, Apple Watch has been the one to beat in terms of design, functionality and app selection. Its 18 hours of battery life is still short of what others promise, though. The new Gear S2, for instance, promises two to three days on a single charge.

Some of the Apple Watch's limitations will be addressed with a free software update this fall. With that, it will be possible for outside companies to write games



This product image provided by Motorola shows the Moto 360 smartwatch.
Associated Press

phones.

Samsung's Gear S2 will work on Android — and for the first time, not just Samsung's Android phones. Meanwhile, watches running Google's Android Wear software will now work with Apple's iPhones.

Here's a look at how the watches compare and how the marketplace is shaping up in light of this week's developments at the IFA tech show in Berlin.

are presented on the rectangular screen the way they are on phones. You swipe on the screen to flip through pages of apps. The Gear S2's interface is more fitting for a watch. The S2 has a circular frame that can be rotated to scroll through notifications and apps, so your fingers won't tire out from endless swiping. The watch itself is also smaller — roughly the size of the larger version of



In this April 10, 2015 file photo, a customer tries on an Apple Watch at an Apple Store in Hong Kong.
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version will come later. — Huawei Watch will have luxury versions, with bodies plated with rose gold, for \$699 or \$799. The bodies won't be entirely made of gold, as Apple Watch's Edition models are. But those go for \$10,000 to \$17,000.

and other apps that won't need a phone nearby. Apps will also be able to interact directly with sensors on Apple Watch — permitting apps that analyze golf swings, for instance. Requirements: You need an iPhone. □

Centene Corp. CEO says to market: Wait and see

CLAYTON, Mo. (AP) — The CEO of health care company Centene Corp. has a simple message for those skeptical that its acquisition of Health Net will be a success: Wait and see. Suburban St. Louis-based Centene shares have fallen 26 percent since the \$6.8 billion acquisition of Health Net, a California-based managed care company, was announced in July. Centene Chief Executive Officer Michael Neidorff

told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that he believes Centene can squeeze \$150 million from Health Net's costs after the deal closes early next year, largely by taking over some functions that Health Net outsources. But Neidorff says there will not be the "slash and burn" that follows some mergers. Among other things, Centene runs managed care plans for state Medicaid programs. California has the nation's largest Medic-

aid population, with Health Net serving one-fifth of that market. Meanwhile, Health Net has a Medicare Advantage plan that Centene can expand to other states. Enrollment in that federal program, a managed-care option for most people age 65 and over, has more than doubled since 2006. "Our motive was to move into these other businesses, which helps seal the long-term growth profile of this

company," Neidorff said. Chris Rigg, an analyst at Susquehanna Financial Group in New York, said Centene may be able to expand rapidly when other insurers, such as Aetna, have to sell some Medicare Advantage policies to win antitrust clearance for their own mergers. "In our view, this enables Centene to become a much larger company over a five- to 10-year period," Rigg said.

But so far, investors "see this as a slower growth story than Centene was by itself," said Ana Gupte, an analyst with Leerink Partners in New York. She said that part of the negative reaction may be because Centene is a buyer, not a seller. "Centene was perceived by the market to be a take-out candidate," Gupte said. "Now it looks likely to be a serial consolidator instead." □

Chinese central bank governor says currency stable

BEIJING (AP) — China's central bank governor says its currency has stabilized, in an apparent effort to dispel fears of more big declines following a surprise devaluation that rattled global markets. The yuan's exchange rate against the dollar "tends to be stable," Zhou Xiaochuan said at a meeting of finance officials of the Group of 20 major economies in Turkey on Friday, according to a central bank statement. Beijing said the Aug. 11 devaluation was part of efforts aimed at making the yuan's state-set exchange rate more market-oriented. But coming without warning amid a collapse in Chinese share prices, it caused anxiety in financial markets.

Zhou's comments appeared to be aimed at quelling fears Beijing might allow the currency, also known as the renminbi, to fall further to help its struggling exporters by



A woman holding an umbrella walks past China's central bank People's Bank of China in Beijing. China's central bank governor has told a meeting of the G-20 that China's currency has stabilized against the dollar after the country's surprise announcement last month to revalue the yuan amid stock market turmoil. (AP Photo/Andy Wong)

giving them a price advantage. The devaluation had spurred warnings of a possible "currency war" if other governments responded by lowering their own exchange rates.

"At present, the exchange rate of the RMB against the dollar tends to be stable, and most of the correction of the stock market has taken place, so the financial market is expected to

be more stable," the statement read. Zhou said Beijing was committed to carrying out economic reforms despite recent turbulence in its financial markets.

Also at the G-20 meeting, Finance Minister Lou Jiwei tried to defuse concern about the slowdown in Chinese economic activity, saying Beijing is "not especially concerned" about short-term fluctuations and will stick to its reform plans. The ruling Communist Party is in the midst of a marathon effort to encourage domestic consumption and reduce reliance on trade and investment to drive growth. It has promised to give market forces a bigger role in the state-dominated economy. Concerns have mounted, however, that growth is slowing too abruptly after July exports and auto sales contracted and August factory activity weakened. Lou said the Chinese government expects economic growth of "about 7 percent" this year, according to the central bank statement. "China is in line with plans and will stick unswervingly to 'reform and opening up,'" he said. □

McGraw-Hill Education says filing for \$100M IPO

NEW YORK (AP) — Educational content maker McGraw-Hill Education plans to go public. Best known as a publisher of textbooks and instructional materials, the company is now investing heavily in developing digital content and technology like its "Reading Wonders" and "Economics: Principles, Problems, and Policies" programs.

It filed for an IPO that was valued at up to \$100 million, according to a form filed this weekend with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The New York-based company says its programs are used by 250,000 higher education instructors and in 13,000 school kindergarten- to 12th-grade school districts. It also makes products for companies,

academic institutions, libraries and hospitals. The company reported \$2.03 billion in adjusted revenue in 2014, and said 38 percent of revenue from its higher education business, its largest, came from digital materials. That's up from 15 percent in 2010. Digital revenue accounted for only 21 percent of its K-12 revenue. McGraw-Hill Education

lost \$330.7 million last year as it invested \$150 million in digital learning, and plans to spend another \$175 million on those programs in 2015. The \$100 million price tag is an estimate used for the purpose of calculating a filing fee. McGraw-Hill Education wants to list its shares under the symbol "MHED." Apollo Global Manage-

ment bought McGraw-Hill Education from what was then The McGraw-Hill Cos. The \$2.3 billion deal closed in March 2013, and the rest of McGraw-Hill is now McGraw Hill Financial Inc., a company focused on serving the global capital and commodity markets. Apollo Global will continue to hold most of the voting power in the company after the IPO. □

Smart Money:

Investors are fleeing once-popular emerging markets

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NEW YORK (AP) — If you think investors in U.S. stocks have had it rough, consider the hapless folks who followed Wall Street's advice to buy emerging-market stocks.

The MSCI Emerging Markets index has lost 25 percent over the past year, while the most widely held U.S. fund, the Vanguard Total Stock Market index, is down less than 1 percent.

After the financial crisis, plowing money into emerging markets seemed like a sure bet. China was gobbling up raw materials from Brazil, Indonesia and Russia, and their stock markets were soaring. Wall Street cranked up its marketing machine, creating 246 funds to ride the boom. "Whatever is hot, Wall Street will race out with new products to catch the investor's eye," says Larry Swedroe, head of research at Buckingham Asset Management. The blitz worked. In the five years through 2013, investors poured \$104 billion into emerging-market stock funds. The amount of money in these funds more than quadrupled.

Now, in classic fashion, investors are reversing course: They've yanked \$40 billion from emerging-market stocks this year, a record pace of withdrawals, as a slowdown in China has hammered companies that supply raw materials. But the selling has also created real value, some savvy investors say. It costs half as much to buy a dollar of earnings from emerging-market companies now than it does to buy a dollar of earnings from U.S. companies. The zigzagging fortunes of emerging markets reveal the pitfalls of chasing the hot new thing, and how the best time to buy may be precisely when everyone else is selling.

EMERGING STOCK FUNDS

Betting on emerging markets has never been for the faint of heart. Values soar as money floods in from investors hoping to profit from

rapid economic growth. Along comes a crisis, currencies collapse and inflation spikes. Values plummet and money rushes out.

Why they're falling now: Fear that Chinese demand for Brazilian steel, Indonesian coal, Chilean copper and other goods could slow further. Sliding cur-

the 2008 financial crisis, according to Chris Brightman, chief investment officer at Research Affiliates. Before that crisis, investors paid \$35 for a dollar of earnings, nearly triple the price now. The problem is, prices could get cheaper still. Brightman warns that investors tend to overshoot during busts, just

figure they might as well keep pumping oil and extracting ore. Investors speculate that supply may overwhelm demand for a long time yet.

Why investors may be wrong: Small drillers and miners are starting to go out of business as prices fall below their cost of produc-

Enticed by higher interest rates than in the U.S., investors plowed into emerging-market bond funds in the aftermath of the 2008 crisis. Warnings that the U.S. government would struggle to pay its rising debts added to their appeal. Governments in Brazil, Turkey and other developing countries had scaled back their borrowing, and with their economies expanding rapidly, it seemed they would have no trouble making their payments. In the four years after 2008, the amount of money these bond funds had at their disposal tripled to \$77 billion.

Why they're falling now: Brazil and Russia have fallen into deep recessions, and emerging-market currencies have plunged around the world. The sorry history of emerging markets suggests a wave of corporate defaults, a jump in inflation and rising political instability as anger spreads on the streets. After the Asian financial crisis, student protests in Indonesia, one of the hardest hit countries, helped depose the country's ruler after three decades in power.

Why investors may be wrong: These countries are better prepared for financial shocks. They have lower debt burdens than many developed countries and built up foreign reserves to defend their currencies. "You would have seen social instability and bank runs" in previous years, says Samy Muaddi, a portfolio manager at T. Rowe Price. "But that's not happening today. I take it as a positive sign."

The value case: Just 2.3 percent of emerging-market companies that rating agencies consider the riskiest missed a payment so far this year. That's just a hair above the 2.2 percent default rate for similar U.S. companies. That default rate could jump, of course, but investors get paid more to take that risk. According to Barclays Capital, emerging-market bonds yield 5.7 percent, a full percentage point higher than a year ago. □



A man walks past a bank's electronic board showing the share index around the world at Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Investors have yanked \$40 billion from emerging-market stocks this year, a record pace of withdrawals, as a slowdown in China has hammered companies that supply raw materials.

(AP Photo/Vincent Yu)

rencies in these countries squeeze companies trying to pay back loans taken out in dollars. Memories of the 1997 Asian financial crisis aren't helping. Back then, investors fled Thailand, Indonesia and other Asian tigers, and the fallout threatened to spark a global recession.

Why investors may be wrong: Companies in developing countries have taken out more loans in their own currencies, so they're better prepared when their currencies fall against the dollar. Manufacturers in South Korea and Taiwan import a lot of raw materials, so they benefit from falling commodity prices. And many big Indian companies rely on local customers, providing banking services and consumer goods to the country's swelling middle class.

The value case: It will cost you \$13.23 to buy a dollar of their average annual earnings over the past decade, less than the \$14 it cost during the panic selling of

as they do during booms, because they think "what is happening currently will go on forever."

COMMODITY FUNDS

The drops are stunning. Oil falling by more than half in the past year, iron ore plunging by a third, coal and copper off by more than a quarter. Even prices for wheat and corn — people can't stop eating, can they? — have fallen by more than half in two years. Pimco's largest raw materials fund, the Commodity Real Return Strategy fund, has lost a third of its value over the past year. That's after a rocky ten years, during which the fund rocketed as high as 30 percent and plunged as much as 60 percent.

Why they're falling now: Too many companies pulled too much out of the ground before the financial crisis. China's massive stimulus program fueled even more drilling and digging. With the big investments already made, companies

tion. That should ultimately squeeze supply, and lead to prices stabilizing.

The value case: The commodity glut is hardly a secret, so prices may already reflect it. Market strategists at Northern Trust wrote in a recent report that prices are looking more compelling, and recommended that investors consider the Morningstar Global Upstream Natural Resources fund, which contains 120 commodity producers. They like the fund's exposure to food giants such as Bunge and Archers Daniels Midland. It's not for the timid, though. The fund is in the middle of a three-year losing streak, capped by a 19 percent drop in the last three months.

In fact, these investments may need five to 10 years before they become truly attractive, says Rudolph-Riad Younes, a portfolio manager at R Squared Capital Management. Buying now is "a loser's game."

EMERGING-MARKET BONDS

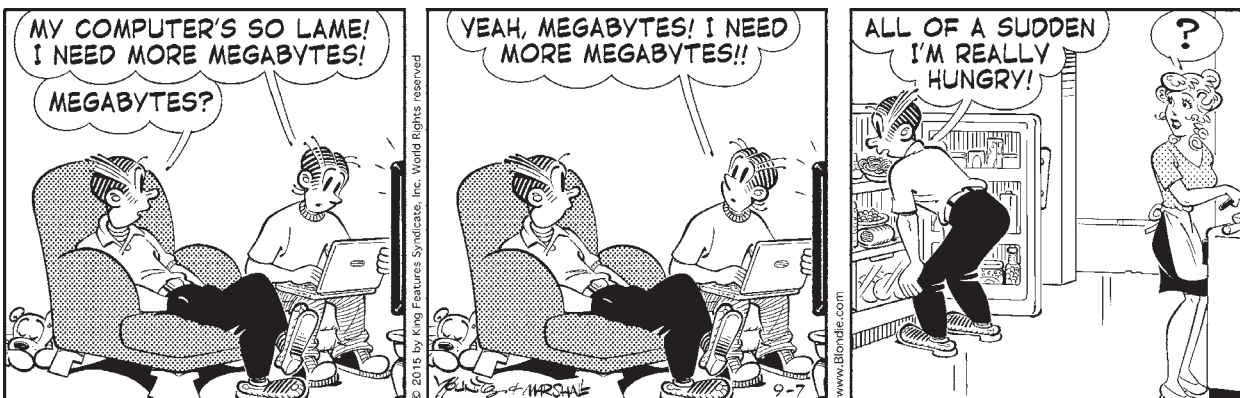
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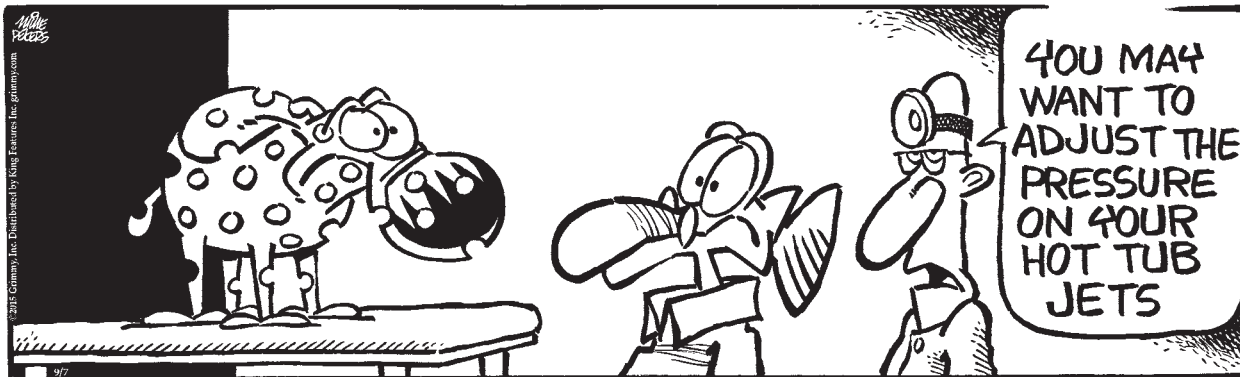
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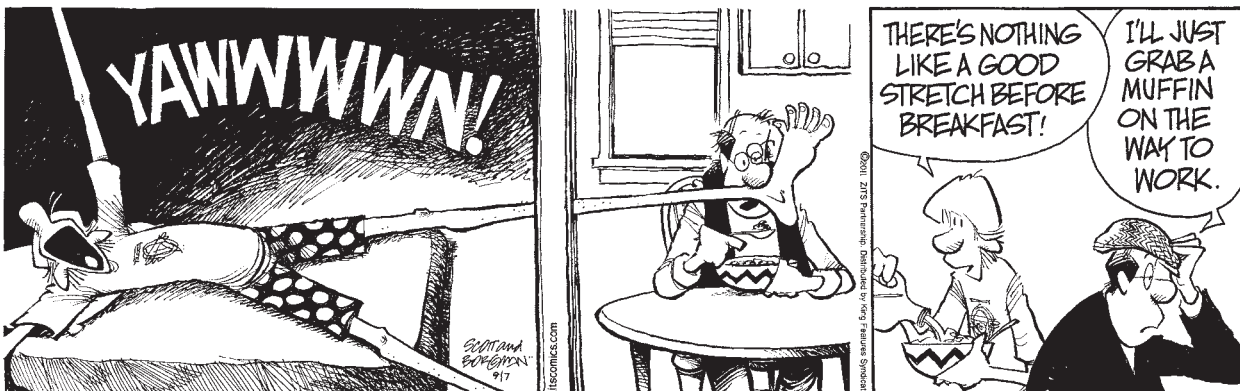
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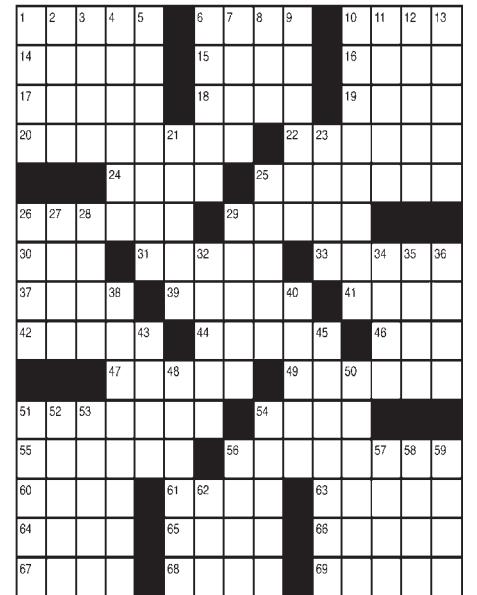
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8	5	4	6	9	7	2	1	3
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3	9	2	5	8	1	6	4	7
4	1	7	9	3	6	8	5	2
6	8	5	4	7	2	9	3	1

ACROSS

- Acting award
- Reveal secrets
- Audible breath
- Woodwind instrument
- Crazy
- Qualified
- Knox & Worth
- Lincoln and his namesakes
- Plunder
- Mind-set
- Group of actors
- Path
- Hen's mate
- Reptile with legs
- "The Brady ___"
- Supped
- Melodies
- Odish John ___
- Take a ___ at; attempt
- Ready & willing
- Make a tiny cut
- Songs for one
- Bricklayer
- "...flowers that bloom in the spring, ___ la..."
- Fine tablecloth material
- Diminish
- Walked like a duck
- Calf meat
- Insurance company folks
- Gala event
- Walking stick
- "A ___ of Two Cities"
- Steer clear of
- Bit of Hershey's chocolate
- Excessive
- Dishonest one
- Transmits
- "It's no ___ business but my own"
- BPOE members
- Lock of hair



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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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PAPA	ALONE	CARE
ESPY	TURKEY	TROT
DAE	TIDE	QUISTS
TAHOE	AKA	
ORIGIN	DWELLS	
MAZES	STEEL	AHA
IDIS	LURED	SCOW
TIN	NOMAD	SPEAR
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- Like water ___ duck's back
- ___ machines; Vegas lures
- Rudely brief
- Huns' leader
- Easy fix for some PC woes
- Part of a knife
- Heart division
- Part of a royal flush
- Capital of Massachusetts
- Rain boots
- Approximately
- Skier's incline
- O'Toole or Falk
- Excessive
- Actor Hudson
- Tricks
- Maiden
- "Leave ___ Beaver"
- Ardor
- Started
- Johnny Cash's "A Boy ___ Sue"
- White ___; termites
- Grow weary

- Reach across
- Chutzpah
- Acting parts
- Gritty residue
- Most orderly
- ___ Crunch; chocolate bar
- Wood splinter
- Nuts
- Once more
- Stupid
- Swerves
- ___ jacket; bulletproof vest
- Weathercock
- Tallies up
- Not as much
- Feel miserable

American living

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New Haven is planning a study on whether to dredge down to as much as 42 feet instead of the current 35 feet. Farther north, the Maine and New Hampshire departments of transportation made it a high priority to create space to accommodate larger ships at the Port of New Hampshire, whatever future vessels might be carrying, when they selected a design for a \$173 million upgrade to the bridge over the Piscataqua River separating the two states. Sixteen companies that use the river and harbor employ nearly 1,000 workers, and the bridge upgrade is seen as preserving those jobs, said Geno Marconi, director of the New Hampshire Port Authority. Many shipping lines, seek-

ing to maximize profit, invested millions adding large freighters carrying truck-size containers. To capitalize on the investment, ships must deliver at ports that can accommodate their size. Those ports are typically outside New England. But some in New England see opportunities to capture some of the spillover. "The much bigger ships from Asia are not likely coming to Connecticut," said Sullivan, of the Connecticut economic development department. Bridgeport can be a "great secondary market" after the New York-New Jersey port 60 miles away, said Andrew Nunn, the city's chief administrative officer. Ports also have been seeking out tourists and niches in global trade. Tourism, embraced by many port cities as commerce began to decline in the early 20th century, has been stressed in deals with

cruise ships to promote the cities' maritime history and culture. And at the Port of Davisville in Rhode Island, about 18,000 cars a month roll off ships, including nearly 850 Bentleys last year. Wind turbine equipment goes to Searsport, Maine, to supply the state's alternative energy products. Some in the region, like New Hampshire, receive road salt and heating oil, staples for New England winters. Some smaller ports export recyclables such as scrap metals. And from Portland, electric cars are shipped to Iceland, where they are in high demand because plentiful geothermal energy makes them inexpensive to operate. "We're never going to be Long Beach or Baltimore or Boston," said Bill Needelman, waterfront coordinator for Portland. "We're a niche port that provides services for particular markets and products." □

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23	343	\$4,500
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Rwanda names 24 baby mountain gorillas in annual tradition

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KINIGI, Rwanda (AP) —

Youths wearing gorilla costumes and rubber boots grunted and scampered in front of Rwanda's president on Saturday during the ceremonial naming of 24 baby mountain gorillas in the African country, where the critically endangered animals live in volcano-studded forests that are visited by increasing numbers of foreign tourists.

The young gorillas, whose families are closely monitored by trackers and researchers, were in their wild habitat and not at the naming event in Kinigi, a village near the entrance to Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park. But thousands of people, including students, soldiers, villagers and diplomats, gathered there to celebrate the threatened population of mountain gorillas, whose image adorns numerous sculptures in Rwanda as well as a national currency banknote.

Against the backdrop of cloud-covered volcanic peaks, people waved little blue, green and yellow national flags and presidential bodyguards scanned the open-air venue as President Paul Kagame spoke from a dais, delighting conservationists who see small, landlocked Rwanda as a model for other African countries struggling to preserve their wildlife in the face of increased poaching and human encroachment on animal habitats. "It's really a showcase, the way they're working, because you have buy-in from the highest political level," said Allan Carlson, a Swedish conservationist who was in a group, including a Rwandan police official and a wildlife ex-

pert from Yale University in the United States, that announced the baby gorilla names. Dressed in white shirts and green robes, and carrying beaded sticks, they trailed the actors in gorilla suits across a wooden walkway strewn with straw and decorated with flowers. The names bestowed on the goril-

country's top foreign currency earner. Researchers also refer to the names to identify gorillas and their families while conducting studies in the wild.

The key is to convince Rwandan communities that they will benefit from supporting conservation, senior tourism official Yamina Karitanyi said in an

Kagame thanked the crowd for their involvement in protecting the mountain gorillas, and also said people should take advantage of security in Rwanda to work hard. Led by Kagame since 2000, Rwanda has had strong economic growth in recent years, brightening the prospects of a country that

subspecies, dropped dramatically in the last century because of poaching, disease and human encroachment. The total population of mountain gorillas is currently an estimated 900. However, the population in the Virunga Massif is growing at a rate of about 4 percent a year, said Dr. Mike Cranfield,



In this photo taken Friday, Sept. 4, 2015, a baby mountain gorilla is held by its mother, on Mount Bisoke volcano in Volcanoes National Park, northern Rwanda.

las included the words for "Wish," "Power," "Courage," "Conviviality" and "Ornament" in the Rwandan language. The Rwandan government hopes the naming ceremony, which began in 2005 and is based on a similar tradition among Rwandans, will highlight the importance of protecting mountain gorillas as well as promote the tourism industry, which brought in more than \$300 million last year and is the

interview with The Associated Press. Five percent of revenues from Rwanda's national parks are invested in schools and other community projects, she said. "It's a joint effort. We work with them every day," Karitanyi said. She acknowledged that juggling the needs of people and wildlife is difficult, saying: "We have got to work to come up with the right mechanism to ensure that protection is there for all."

was devastated by genocide in 1994.

The fortunes of Rwanda's mountain gorillas are also improving, though the situation is delicate. They live in the Virunga Massif, which spans Volcanoes National Park as well as parks in neighboring Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. More mountain gorillas live in a separate area of Uganda.

The number of mountain gorillas, defined as a gorilla

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co-director of Gorilla Doctors, a group that provides medical care to the apes. "You couldn't ask for anything more than what's happening right now," Cranfield said. Still, he said the density of the human population in the area is high and expressed concern about the vulnerability of gorillas to diseases from tourists who trek into the forest to see them.

"It's a delicate balance," he said. □

Sun, sex and Tilda Swinton make 'A Bigger Splash' in Venice

JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

VENICE, Italy (AP) — Tilda Swinton was eager to star in director Luca Guadagnini's latest film, the Italian island tragicomedy "A Bigger Splash." There was just one small condition: She wouldn't speak.

"It was a moment in my life when I really didn't want to say anything," the enigmatic British actress told reporters Sunday at the Venice Film Festival. "Even less than I do now."

On the other hand, she wanted to work again with the Italian filmmaker after appearing in his features "The Protagonists" and "I Am Love."

"The one thing that came to my mind was — well I will come if I don't need to speak," Swinton said.

Guadagnini agreed, so in "A Bigger Splash," an almost-silent Swinton plays Marianne Lane, a Bowie-esque rock star ordered to

rest her voice after surgery. Her vacation on the island of Pantelleria with down-to-earth boyfriend Paul (Matthias Schoenaerts) is interrupted by old flame Harry (Ralph Fiennes) and his daughter Penelope (Dakota Johnson). Their arrival triggers emotional eruptions on the rugged volcanic isle.

Swinton said that as a performer, she couldn't resist the idea of silencing "someone whose entire career has been about her voice."

"To take that away felt to me like too tantalizing a temptation," she said.

She said all the characters are "fighting the fact that none of us can really communicate with one another, with words or anything else."

There are plenty of words in "A Bigger Splash," which takes its title and central image of a swimming pool from a David Hockney

painting. Most are provided by Fiennes' character, a motor-mouthed music producer who uses talk as a buffer against life's darkness.

The performance is the latest proof — after "The Grand Budapest Hotel" — of Fiennes' long-underappreciated comic flair. In the movie's most memorable scene, he performs an unrestrained solo dance to the Rolling Stones' "Emotional Rescue."

Fiennes said the script said simply that his character "gets up and dances and expresses himself completely through dancing." "I'd never been asked to do that on a film before," he said. "And so I said 'yes, thank you.'"

The film — a remake of 1969 French drama "The Swimming Pool" — is one of 21 titles competing for the Golden Lion and at the Venice festival, which ends Saturday.



Tilda Swinton poses for photographers at the premiere of the film *A Bigger Splash* during the 72nd edition of the Venice Film Festival in Venice, Italy, Sunday, Sept. 6, 2015.

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The film's characters may be trying to get away from it all, but reality intrudes on their island idyll. Pantelleria, southwest of Sicily, is only 40 miles (64 kilometers) from Tunisia, and boats of migrants fleeing war and poverty often land on its shores.

They are seen peripherally in the film, and some viewers disliked the juxtaposi-

tion of the migrant crisis with the domestic dramas of well-heeled Westerners. The film received a smattering of boos at a festival press screening Sunday. Swinton said she wanted to change the terms of the discussion to avoid the word "migrants."

"We're dealing with refugees," she said. "War refugees." □

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Superheroes, for once, don't rule Hollywood's summer

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NEW YORK (AP) — After a lackluster 2014 summer, Hollywood has bounced back with one of its best seasons ever. But the most surprising part of the turnaround is that superheroes aren't the ones who saved the day.

Instead, Hollywood's summer was led by a banner season from Universal Pictures, the lone major studio with nary a cape in its cupboard. With a record-setting \$5.3 billion-plus in revenue so far this year, Universal has powered Hollywood to a near record summer with a diverse string of hits including the season's top film "Jurassic World" (\$1.6 billion worldwide), the top animated hit, "Minions," and one of the most successful sequels, "Pitch Perfect 2."

After the summer limps to a close over Labor Day weekend, the North American box office will have tallied about \$4.4 billion in ticket receipts, according to box office data firm Rentrak. That's second only to the record \$4.75 billion summer of 2013 and an improvement of about 7.5 percent from last summer's downturn.

And the superhero-less Universal led the way.

"It's a lot of hard work, but it's also an indication that we're tapping audiences in different ways with the different kind of movies we're releasing," says Nick Carpou, distribution head for Universal. "I think our di-



In this image released by Universal Pictures, Bryce Dallas Howard, from left, Chris Pratt, Nick Robinson and Ty Simpkins appear in a scene from the blockbuster hit, "Jurassic World."

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verse slate doesn't tend to tire people out."

If superhero domination is slipping at all, it's not by much. "Avengers: Age of Ultron" was the summer's second highest grossing film in North America with \$457.7 million, and Marvel has already staked out prime summer release dates for years to come, the billions sure to follow.

But this was the first summer since the final "Harry Potter" chapter in 2011 that a comic book movie didn't top all films.

"Ant-Man" (seventh place with \$170.1 million) was bedeviled by creative differences and fell well short of Marvel's last irreverent entry, the mammoth summer 2014 hit "Guardians of the Galaxy." And Fox's "Fantastic Four," which the director Josh Trank, himself, suggested was marred by studio overreach, was the

biggest superhero debacle in at least a decade. Its \$25.7 million opening sent analysts back to the likes of 2004's "Catwoman" to find a comic book disaster of similar proportions.

the summer of 2015 will later be seen as a turning point. As Steven Spielberg reminded in a recent interview with The Associated Press, these things are cyclical: "There will be a



This image released by Universal Pictures shows a scene from the animated film, "Minions."

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It will probably go down as merely a dent in the superhero movie's armor, but it's also possible that

time when the superhero movie goes the way of the Western," he said.

More important, perhaps, is that the movie business is generally quite healthy — robust, even. Despite clamors over the effect of digital media and the competition of television, films are finding success in a variety of ways. The summer proved that many of the characteristics that have long driven hits — a reputation for quality (Pixar's "Inside Out"), the allure of top-flight stunts ("Mission: Impossible — Rogue Nation"), a sense of cultural timeliness ("Straight Outta Compton"), blinding B-movie thrills ("Mad Max: Fury Road") — still work just fine.

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"What audiences are looking for — and they found it, in large part, this summer — is a lot of options, a lot of different types of movies," says Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for Rentrak. Universal, he says, "took what most would see as a negative and turned it into a positive by their movies seeming absolutely fresh." There were bombs, just as there always are. Disney's "Tomorrowland," starring George Clooney, made barely \$200 million globally — a mark Sony's heavily marketed "Pixels," with Adam Sandler, hasn't reached. And Warner Bros.' "The Man From U.N.C.L.E.," based on the '60s TV series, also failed to entice audiences.

Reboot fever, too, was set back with the latest attempt to revive the "Terminator" franchise with Paramount's "Genisys." Coming six years after the last entry, "Salvation," it made a lackluster \$89.4 million. (It has fared better in its recent release in China.)

Some of the slack was picked up by releases that easily outgained their budgets, like Amy Schumers' "Trainwreck" (\$105.5 million domestically) and Melissa McCarthy's "Spy" (\$110.4 million).

"The summer lives and dies based on the smaller movies," says Phil Contrino, chief analyst for BoxOffice.com. "You need those surprises in there to really make a summer healthy. You can't really solely on blockbuster because sometimes they bomb."

Though the summer failed to set a record, Dergarabedian believes 2015 may still set new overall highs, potentially surpassing \$11 billion in North America and \$40 billion worldwide. The fall boasts some of the year's biggest films, including "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," the latest James Bond film, "Spectre," and the final "Hunger Games" installment — none of which, it should be noted, happen to feature superheroes. □



This photo provided by Universal Pictures shows, Jason Mitchell as Eazy-E, from left, Corey Hawkins as Dr. Dre, and O'Shea Jackson, Jr. as Ice Cube, in the film, "Straight Outta Compton."

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